



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana School Superintendents
School Food Service Directors

FROM: Lance Rhodes, Chief Financial Officer

DATE: March 20, 2009

SUBJECT: School Food Service Equipment Grants

As part of the federal economic stimulus package, Indiana expects to receive a one-time appropriation of approximately \$1.9 million for the purchase or renovation of school food service equipment.

These funds will be distributed to local school food authorities participating in the National School Lunch program through a competitive grant process coordinated by the Indiana Department of Education. As stipulated by the federal government, priority will be given to schools in which at least 50 percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals.

Additional details, including the online grant application, award criteria and anticipated timeline for distributing funds, will be shared with Indiana schools in the near future.

In the meantime, local school food service personnel may wish to review the National Food Service Management Institute's *"Equipment Purchasing and Facility Design for School Nutrition Programs"* publication at www.nfsmi.org for related guidance. For more information, please contact Michael Gill, Director of School & Community Nutrition, at 317-232-0850 or mgill@doe.in.gov.